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Ipswich Dredging Bill Hearing Tomorrow - Boston

Town Manager Joseph Courtney, meeting with the Board of Selectmen Monday night, announced that the State Legislature will hold a public hearing, through the Ways and Means Committee, on the bill to provide \$850,000 for dredging the Ipswich River, on Thursday morning.

The Ways and Means Committee hearing will be the most critical period, in the life of this bill, and Town Manager Courtney urged that every person who can, from Wilmington, should be present at the hearing. He pointed out that this hearing will "make or break" the bill, and that without good interest on the part of Wilmington citizens, and residents from Reading and No. Reading too, the chances of the bill successfully passing the hurdle would be diminished.

The bill is scheduled to be heard at 10:30 a.m., in Room 490 of the State House. Among those present, in addition to Town Officials, will be Representatives Frank Tanner and Charles Wilkins, both representing Wilmington, Reading and North Reading (and Woburn too).

Jurors Chosen

Mrs. Milo Ingalls, 134 Groves Avenue, and Stanley Delaronde, Shawheen Ave. were drawn to serve Jury Duty, starting with the first Monday in May, in the Civil Session of Middlesex Superior Court, sitting in Lowell.

Rod & Gun Club

A request from the Wilmington Rod & Gun Club, for permission to hold Skeet Shoots, in the Aldice Eames sandpit, off Woburn street, was acted on favorably by the Selectmen. They stipulated that the Skeet Shoots must take place on Sunday, that the Rod & Gun Club must also get favorable action from the Zoning Officer (Ernest Rice, Building Inspector), and that there must be no objection from neighbors. They were told that the Rod & Gun Club has already interviewed all neighbors, and that all had agreed to the Skeet Shoot, that Fred Smith, who manages the gravel pit has given his permission, and that the Chief of Police had also granted permission, contingent upon the action of the Board of Selectmen.

Skeet Shooting, the Selectmen were told, consists of shooting against clay pigeons, on a fixed range, with shotguns. Four persons are engaged in the shooting at one time, from a line, but only one person shoots at any particular moment. The maximum danger range is 65 yards, and the site of the Skeet Shoot is about half a mile from the nearest home.

Junk License

A Wilmington resident visit-

ed the board to ask for a permit to collect junk, without storing any in Wilmington. The permit was not acted on immediately.

Silver Lake

Steve Wendell, of Grove Avenue, called on the board to inquire about plans for Silver Lake. He told the Selectmen that as a result of dredging the "mill ditch" from Silver Lake the water level there is now as low as it usually is in the driest part of summer. Wendell was afraid that in the middle of the summer the water would be so low that the mud bottom in parts of the lake would be exposed. He stated that there could be "stinks and mosquitoes" as a result.

Wendell was told by TM Courtney that after the work of clearing the ditch had started he learned that Silver Lake is technically a "Great Pond", and that the State Department of Public Works would have to hold a hearing, before any work could be done which might affect the lake. As a result work had stopped, and he was now awaiting word of the public hearing. He proposed to erect a dam, or barrier, at the entrance to the ditch, so as to be able to control the level of the lake. This led Wendell to remark that the dam would have to be of concrete, because "the boys will make a raft out of any wooden dam."

Licenses

An auctioneers license was granted to Larz Neilson, 47 High Street. A peddlers license (state) for Phillip J. Kearney, Ballardvale street, was approved.

Tax Land

A letter was read from an attorney, representing a person who owned a building, and land in Wilmington, which had been taken for non-payment of taxes. At the same time another letter was read from the Board of Health, in which they stated that the building had been condemned, by that Board. On motion of Charles Black, the Selectmen voted not to sell back the property, but rather to keep it for the public auction coming soon.

Board of Health

A letter was read from the Board of Health, stating that the building on lots 549-550 of the Silver Lake Addition, had been condemned by the Board of Health, and posted accordingly.

Letter From Chief of Police
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OPEN HOUSE TOMORROW FOR EVENING SCHOOL

The Wilmington Adult Evening School will have Open House tomorrow evening, March 31st, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., in the Wilmington High School.

A Style Show, with the latest Spring Fashions, will start the Open House, at 7:30 p.m. At 8:15 there will be demonstrations of the work of the Fabric Painting and Decorated Ware Classes. During the entire evening, from 7:30 to 9:30 there will be a general exhibition of all the classes, including Upholstery, Slip Covers, Foods, Clothing, Braided Rugs, Hooked Rugs, Jewelry, Decorated Ware, Fabric Painting, Driver Education, Typing, Shorthand and Book-keeping.

The Open House will be an exhibit of many articles of beauty and utility, by the students of the Practical Arts Evening School. Opportunities will be offered to everyone to vote for classes that they would like to have offered next year.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO LAWRENCE STREET HOME

Three juveniles will appear in the Woburn District Court, on April 7th, to face charges of juvenile delinquency, breaking and entering, and larceny. They are charged with breaking into the home of John Savko, on Lawrence Street, on March 25. Wilmington police state that the home suffered a lot of malicious damage. The police state that as a result of an investigation the boys have confessed to breaking in to four other homes, in recent weeks.

SALEM STREET HOME RANSACKED

The home of Dr. Morris Kelmon, at the corner of Salem Street and MacDonalld road, was ransacked by intruders, at about 1:30 a.m. on March 28th. Nothing has been reported as having been taken, although the house was thoroughly searched. Dr. Kelmon's father was home alone, at the time.

FINED \$20 IN WOBURN COURT

Richard R. Danico, 7 Wilson Street, North Wilmington was fined \$20 in Woburn Court, by Judge William Henchey, on March 29th. Danico was arrested on March 19th, by Officers George Shepard and John Imbimbo, and charged with Operating to Endanger. He pled guilty to the charge.

V.F.W. TO CONDUCT AUCTION NEXT MONDAY

There is to be an action of new general merchandise, at the VFW Hall on Main Street, on Monday evening, April 4th, at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Needsworth Post, VFW, the proceeds are to be used for their Hospital and Relief Fund. Refreshments will also be on sale.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

An immunization clinic, for children, against diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus, will be held in the American Legion Hall, on Middlesex Avenue, on Tuesday April 6th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30. Sponsoring is the Wilmington Board of Health.



C-DAY CHAIRMAN—Simon Cutter has been named head of "C" Day effort for the Combined Jewish Appeal on April 3 in Wilmington.

SIMON CUTTER HEADS CAMPAIGN

C-DAY CHAIRMAN—Simon Cutter, a veteran CJA campaigner, heads the "C" Day (Cash Collection Day) effort for the Combined Jewish Appeal on April 3 in Wilmington. "C" Day, an annual tradition in philanthropic giving of Greater Boston Jewry, is the day set aside for the redemption of Combined Jewish Appeal pledges.

CJA contributors have been notified to stay at home on "C" Day, Sunday, April 3, and give a cash payment on their CJA pledge to the volunteer worker who has been assigned to call on them.

The fact that "C" Day is a one day drive makes tight coordination and an all-out community effort essential, in order to collect sufficient funds needed to support the 201 philanthropic institutions serving Jewry at home, in North Africa and in Israel.

DAV AUXILIARY WHIST APRIL 2ND

The ladies of the Auxiliary of the William F. Tattersall Chapter of the DAV will hold a whist party, in the club house on Grove Avenue, on Saturday April 2nd, at 8 p.m. A penny sale will follow. Refreshments are to be served, and the public is invited.

THE BIG ONE GOT AWAY

Bob Burns, a teen-aged member of the Wilmington Boy's Fishing Club almost caught a 27 inch trout, last Sunday. Bob was one of five boys from the club who were enjoying the privileges of the Centralville Pond, last Sunday, as guests. Each of the boys did bring away at least two trout, for their troubles.

There will be a meeting, at the home of James Burns, on Forest Street, on March 30th at 8 p.m., to make plans for a second trip, next Sunday. The trip is open to all boys of Wilmington, but there will be a slight charge to non-members of the Boys Fishing Club.

DAV ENJOYED A HAM DINNER

Members of the Disabled American Veterans, William F. Tattersall Chapter, and their friends enjoyed a baked Virginia Ham dinner, for their Chow Nite, last Saturday. The dinner is reported as being a success, in all ways.

WILMINGTON CANCER CRUSADE DRIVE STARTS AS NATION'S CHURCH BELLS TOLL

LITTLE LEAGUE NOTICE

A meeting of all Little League officials will be held on Wednesday evening, April 6th, at 8 p.m., at the Roman House.

All persons interested in managing a team this year are requested to attend this very important meeting.

THIRD ANNUAL DANCE OF BETA CHI APRIL 15TH

The Beta Chi Club will hold their 3rd annual benefit dance, in conjunction with the Lions Club of Wilmington, at the Andover Country Club on Friday April 15th. Proceeds of the dance will go to Camp Forty Acres, a plot of land donated to the youth of Wilmington for recreational purposes.

The dance is considered to be one of the social highlights of the season. Dress is to be semi-formal. Tickets are on sale, and may be obtained from any Lions or Beta Chi member.

Mrs. Claude Helwig, (OL 8-2667) is dance chairman for the Beta Chi, and Frank Hagerty (OL 8-3512) is dance chairman for the Lions Club.

LEGION CHOW NITE APRIL 7TH

The American Legion will hold one of its popular Chow Nites, in the Legion Hall, on Middlesex Avenue, on April 7th, at 8 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Commander Nicholas DeFelice, OL 8-4534, or Vice Commanders Jim Breen (OL 8-3472) or Jack Crawford (OL 8-3603).

EASTER SERVICES AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The members of the Fireside Fellowship of the Congregational Church are holding their annual Easter morning sunrise service at 6:00 a.m., April 10th. A large number of the members and friends of the Fellowship attend this most impressive observance of Easter.

Following the service a breakfast will be served in the vestry of the church. Tickets for the breakfast may be had by calling Miss Freda Shepard (OL 8-2931).

LEGION VETERANS NIGHT NEXT SUNDAY

Past Commander Arthur B. Harper, of the Wilmington Post 136, American Legion, Service Officer for the Post, will be at the Legion hall next Tuesday evening, to assist any veteran, or dependant, or widow of a veteran, who seeks information, or needs help in questions affecting Veteran's affairs.

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This year's Cancer Crusade will be formally launched at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1, through a special coast to coast radio and TV hook-up out of Washington. Wilmington churches and churches all over the nation will ring simultaneously for three minutes to dramatize the opening of the campaign while the public bows its head for a brief moment of silent meditation.

George Cushing, Committee Chairman, has announced that the Cancer drive has the full support of town officials and has been designated a Club Project by the Wilmington Lions Club. For the first time in Wilmington we have a Cancer Crusade Committee. These citizens of our town who volunteered their services to help out this very important Project to Humanity are: Community Chairman, George Cushing, of 21 Brand Ave.; Community Vice-Chairman, Charles Peterson, Jr. of 8 Strout Ave.; Community Treasurer, Joseph B. McMahon, 176 Middlesex Ave.; Medical Advisor, Dr. Miriam Hosmer, 173 Church St.; Cancer Crusade Chairman, Frank Hagerty, 5 Hathaway Rd.; Publicity Chairman and Special Events, Pearl Hersom of 153 Burlington Ave.; Crusade Secretary, Mrs. Betty Gordon, of Strout Ave.; Clubs and Organizations, Mrs. Edith Michelson of 406 Main Street; Business and Industry, James Pipes of Chestnut Street; Special Gifts, John Murphy, of Carson Ave.; Area Chairman, Joseph App of 855 Main Street; John Cuoco of Shawheen Rd.; Edward Page of 32 Grove Ave. and Mrs. Doris Hagerty of 5 Hathaway Rd.; and Lions Club Publicity, Richard Patterson of Hill Street.

We can't stress too much the importance of Cancer Research. Last year about 75,000 Americans were saved from dying of Cancer. It is one of the biggest takers of human life there is. Only through Research and more Research can this dread disease be brought under control.

But remember it takes many hands to make this first all-out drive a success. We the Chairmen of the Cancer Crusade can not do our job without the help of the volunteer workers. Anyone wishing to volunteer his or her services may contact anyone of these chairman listed here.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR 99 44/100 % IN AGREEMENT

Mr. Editor:

May we, through your column, clear up an unfortunate misunderstanding. Your editorial of March 23, 1955 which states that all is not "peace and honey" was personally very disturbing to all of us. We have no quarrel with your statement that there is a division of thought. We submit, however, that difference of opinion is normal and natural on a Board and certainly to be desired. It shows only that we, each of us, are thinking independently. After all, we are three human beings and we have our own opinions, that is why perhaps there are three on a Board.

It is significant, however, that 99 44/100% of our decisions on all past matters have been, and we hope will continue to be unanimous and we think that this demonstrates our capacity for discussion. While there may be differences of opinion, we have been able in most cases to arrive at a satisfactory unanimous conclusion after a give and take round table discussion. We think this too is highly desirable.

It certainly does not indicate a "rift." If one is present on this Board none of us are aware of it. We will continue, however, to think independently.

We feel that dignifying such unfortunate and unfounded rumors by printing them in an editorial column can only lead to harm, not to us personally, we don't matter as individuals, but certainly harmful to the town which we serve.

We hope you will give this letter the same prominence you gave your editorial.

Wilmington Board of Assessors
 Unanimously yours,
 Alfred Calabrese
 Aline M. Sheldon
 Louis T. Doucette

FLUORIDATION OF WATER

It is now several years since the town voted a sum of money to pay for the installation of a Fluoridation system, in its water supply—a move that has been stalled because of legal questions which have not yet been answered. There hasn't been very much said about the problem lately.

Some people object to fluoridation of water, alleging that it is harmful to older people. Others object to it on the grounds that it infringes on the rights of individuals, in a sense of religious or medical liberty. There is no doubt that the children do derive benefits from fluoridation.

We at one time had a thought that if fluoridation were to be controlled, but using milk instead of water for the vehicle, a result could be attained that could satisfy nearly everyone. If a person wanted fluorine, he could buy it with his milk. If he didn't—he could buy untreated (in the sense of fluorine) milk. We took the problem to a public health authority, who said that it wasn't feasible for a number of reasons.

Now we have noticed that the Editors of the Christian Science Monitor have expressed an opinion on the subject, in their publication of March 25th. They say: "Any person who wants fluoridation for himself can get it without forcing it on others; he needs only buy fluoride salt pills and add them to his drinking water or milk."

Which is, it must be said, something that is in contradiction to the statement of our public health friend, and might possibly also point out a new path, for some of our milk distributing companies.

SOMETHING ON WHICH TO KEEP HALF AN EYE

We aren't the kind of people who believe that everything which comes from the Federal or State government is necessarily good. Sometimes there is a worm in the apple, and we are inclined to look for the worm. Admittedly, we might have lost a chance to get a fine apple or two, but that's the way we are constituted.

At the present time there is under consideration in the State Senate a Regional Planning Bill. Under the provisions of this bill cities and towns may band together into planning districts to study and make recommendations on such matters as proposed highways, public places, bridges, parks, recreation areas, waterways, routes of railways, water supplies, public utilities, and other matters of common interest. The entire program is to be under the direction of the newly-established State Department of Commerce, and if the bill is passed Federal Funds will be provided, up to 50% for the expenses of the local district planning commission, with the balance provided by the local voting members.

That Federal Funds might possibly be the worm in the apple. We are interested, because we have felt that it might take some such grouping of Wilmington, North Reading and Reading to get action on the Ipswich River. At the present time we have a bill in the Legislature, for dredging of the river. If the bill passes all is wonderful, but what if it doesn't?

At least we might keep half an eye on this new bill.



EASTER SEAL CHILD—Paula Braio, 5, of Worcester, representing hundreds of crippled children whom Easter Seal services have helped to walk, has been chosen 1955 Easter Seal Child in Massachusetts by the Bay State Society for the Crippled and Handicapped. Pushing a toy grocery cart at the Rehabilitation Center of Worcester, an Easter Seal center, where Paula is learning to be independent, is not only fun, but helps to improve her balance. The state-wide Easter Seal campaign for \$320,000 will continue through Easter Sunday.

— SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT —

Such the shape of the 1955 Easter Seal, which appears wider for the first time symbolize the change in the nation's attitude toward its crippled throughout the years? This is something to think about.

In its 10 years of service, the Bay State Society for the Crippled and Handicapped, Inc., the official Massachusetts Easter Seal society, has proved that something can be done to help handicapped persons.

Before the Bay State Society was organized, facilities for the crippled in Massachusetts were few and far between. Today, there are rehabilitation centers in Boston, Worcester, and Springfield, where crippled children and adults, regardless of cause of crippling, race, or creed, learn to walk, talk, feed, and dress themselves and become physically independent.

Funds from the Easter Seal campaign which continues through Easter Sunday, April 10, also provide camp vacations for crippled children, an equipment pool of wheelchairs and walkers, a program for homebound, social case-work services and job placement for crippled adults.

Easter Seals have proved that the handicapped can be rehabilitated into taxpaying, instead of tax-supported residents of the Commonwealth. It is our moral duty to advance the work of rehabilitating crippled persons. Help make them useful citizens!

SHALL WE PAY OUR COPS OR ROBBERS?

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 struction and \$96,000,000 to be poured into State aid for schools and teachers."

The Southern chief added: "When it comes down to realistic fact, there is a greater basic need for effective police forces countrywide than there is for teachers."

Without law and order there wouldn't even be such things as schools."

His point was graphically proved quite a few years ago: When Calvin Coolidge was Governor of Massachusetts, law took a holiday in Boston. The entire police force of the city got fed up with salaries and rebuffs they received when they asked for a raise. Ditch diggers, garbage collectors, sanitation workers were getting as much as the police. So they put it to the city: "Either you give us a raise or we walk out." They didn't get the raise, so they took off their uniforms and left the city of Boston without law for some days.

When law took a holiday, crime really went to work; Murder, vandalism, robbery and rape rose to such heights that it was necessary to call in the militia. Schools were closed, decent people stayed off the streets, merchants closed their shops; civilization went behind closed doors; fear took over. Boston, the city without law, became such a national pro-

blem that Governor Coolidge stepped in in a manner that led to his becoming President. The statement he made is still quoted by police the world over.

"The duties which a police officer owes to the State are of a most exacting nature. No one is compelled to choose the profession of a police officer, but having chosen it, everyone is obliged to perform its duties and live up to the high standard of its requirements. To join in that high enterprise means the surrender of much individual freedom. The police officer has chosen a profession that he must hold to at all peril. He is the outpost of civilization. He cannot depart from it until he is relieved."

"It is a great and honorable duty, to be greatly and honorably fulfilled, but there is toward the officer a corresponding duty of the State. It owes him a generous compensation for the perils he endures for the protection of society. It owes him the knowledge of security from want that is to be his in his declining years. It owes him the measure which is due to the great importance of the duties he discharges. Wherever the law goes there civilization goes and stays. When the law fails, barbarism flourishes. Whoever scorns the law, whoever brings it into disrespect, whoever connives at its evasion is an enemy of civilization. Change it as you will, but observe it always, that is Government."

PIANO CONCERT WELL RECEIVED

Catherine Carver Burton of New Jersey daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Carver of Wilmington, delighted the Wilmington Women's Club ladies and their guests with a Piano Concert, at the Congregational Church Parish House on Friday, March 25th. Mrs. Burton's varied program encompassed three centuries of music. Of high interest where the contrasts of the classic era of Beethoven the romanticist, and our contemporary composers as her selections where:

2 Sonatas Scarlatti
 Variations in F Beethoven
 Chorale)
 Ballatoc) Giannini
 The White Peacock Griffes
 Little Peters Pony

Villoc-Lobos
 St. Francis walking on the Waves Liszt
 Variations on a Brazilian Folk Tune Slonimsky

Mrs. Burton was received with warmth and friendliness over the tea cup.

Mrs. Robert Michelson president and Mrs. Herbert Higginbotham were the pourers.

POSTOFFICE TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR CARRYING MAIL

Postmaster Henry Porter has served notice that he will receive bids until April 9, 1955, for the carrying of the United States Mails between the Boston & Maine RR Depot and the Post Office at Wilmington, each way, as often as required. Further information may be had by calling at the local postoffice.

ROBERT GORMAN IN TEXAS

Fort Hood, Tex. - Sgt. Robert E. Gorman, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gorman, 103 Aldrich rd., Wilmington, is a member of the 1st Armored Division at Fort Hood, Tex.

"Old Ironsides," the first armored division organized in the U.S., won fame for its World War II fighting in Africa and Italy. Combat readiness is now maintained by intensive training.

Sergeant Gorman, a tank commander with the 4th Tank Battalion's Headquarters and Service Company, entered the Army in September and is a veteran of service in Korea.

One of the American Cancer Society chief goal is to improve services to needy cancer patients.

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Shall we pay our cops or robbers

Because most communities pinch pennies when it comes to police protection, John Q. Citizen has to pay an estimated \$20,000,000,000 a year.

By Jack Denton Scott
(Reprinted from The American Legion Magazine, March 1955)

Not long ago there was an odd accident in one of our eastern States. A police officer fell asleep at the wheel of his patrol car and crashed into a tree. No motorist was involved and other than a wrenched shoulder and a badly battered car, the policeman suffered no injury. Investigation brought out these facts: He had fallen asleep because he was overcome by fatigue, having slept only two hours the night before. He held two jobs, that of policeman during the day, and relief truck driver for several hours of the night. With a wife and three children to support, his salary as a member of the police force just wasn't enough to make ends meet.

At Sacramento, California, fifteen policemen taking a much-needed special night course at the police

Commissioner Adams puts enough cops in Harlem, and crime dropped 50 percent
New York

academy were hurriedly called back to work. Their short absence from beats and patrol cars caused a tremendous upswing in armed robbery and other crimes.

In a New England town, population 6,500, teen-age vandals struck for the fourth time during one week, burning and smashing town property, slashing the tires of parked cars and stealing accessories from locked gas stations and garages. State police, called in to put a halt to the hoodlums, discovered

that there was only one policeman for the protection of the community's residents.

The appalling fact is that we aren't doing much better as a nation. Today we average 1.8 policemen for each 1,000 inhabitants of our country. The basic minimum for effective policing is two policemen for 1,000 people, and the pitifully few cities which enjoy a low crime rate have three policemen per 1,000 population.

Police officials interviewed are worried about the situation. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, faced up to the problem squarely with these words:

"Preliminary figures indicate that crime and those who profit from it are prospering. While we cannot blame any single cause for the higher rate of criminal offenses, I am convinced that there is a distinct relationship between this development and the number of police officers available to combat it.

"One factor which undoubtedly contributes to the prosperity of the criminal element is a police scale too low to maintain law enforcement forces at full strength. An inadequate number of personnel was one of the most common conditions last year in police agencies of various types and sizes across the nation. Manpower was spread too thinly and the criminal element moved in wherever a gap appeared. Attempts to recruit sufficient officers to combat crime effectively were often unsuccessful because the salary offered was too low to draw the quantity and quality of personnel needed.

"Unwillingness to provide proper remuneration for the intelligence and effort required in the performance of modern police duties is a form of cut-rate law enforcement and it will not work. The logical result is a bigger crime bill in the form of murders, robberies and the manifold ways in which crime can be expensive. To pay the price in this fashion rather than in adequate salaries for police officers makes an extremely poor bargain."

That poor bargain reads like this: Crime costs us \$20 billion every year. It affects you, the average citizen, this way: Each year every American family pays \$495 for crime. For every dollar spent on education, \$1.82 goes to the criminal; for each dollar you drop in the collection at church, you must ante up \$10 for crime.

And crime of every sort is on the rise. Every 13.8 seconds there is a major crime in the United States. The crime clock ticks off a murder every 40.9 minutes, a rape every 29.8 minutes, an aggravated assault every 5.7 minutes.

In the first six months

of 1954, the crime rate soared 8.5 percent over a like period in 1953. By the end of June 1,136,140 crimes had been committed. Nearly all major cities were suffering from the wave, but New York's totals reached a new high in all categories. Chicago ranked second in murder, with Philadelphia third, Detroit fourth, and Houston fifth.

Civic leaders in various communities have been asking the question: "If the simple fact that inadequate salaries for our police is a major cause of this crime wave why can't the situation be easily adjusted in the cities themselves?"

Leroy E. Wiyke, once a police chief, now executive secretary of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, an organization which works to raise the standards for police recruits and provide tenure of appointment divorced from politics, answers by sketching an incident:

"The mayor and council are in monthly session. It's an important meeting with the fiscal budget of city expenditures up for approval.

"In this city there are 160 men on the police force. Up for vote is a proposal to grant a 10 percent increase in salary to the police force. The police salary appropriation already runs to six figures. Add 10 percent to that and it's necessary to increase the tax rate, float a municipal bond issue, or impose a sales tax.

"The council meeting has been long one—many groups have appeared protesting the salary increase because no one wants to pay more taxes. A delegation of policemen favors the increase, pointing out that their present salaries are inadequate to meet living costs.

"A vote is taken. It is a tie with the mayor not voting. More oratory, more thinking. The mayor visualizes the problem in terms of what is best for the city: Streets need paving, a fire truck needs replacing, a new school must be built, teachers and firemen will request a salary increase too if the police are granted one . . . more taxes, more protests, more unpopularity for those in office. "The mayor is conscientious, as astute business man as well as a cautious politician. Higher taxes may cause the new industry that has been looking for a factory site in this city to look elsewhere. The new factory would give employment to local people would add to the city's growth.

"The vote is taken again; this time the mayor casts his vote against the police salary increase, breaking the tie. He explains his action to the police delegation—'cannot impose new taxes this year, cannot increase the bonded debt, funds just aren't available, perhaps next year. . .'

"Word travels swiftly to every police officer in the city. Some are on the third shift, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. It is a cold, wet night. Officer Kennedy is on this shift, foot-patrolling the downtown beat, checking rear doors of stores and shops through dark alleys. He thinks: 'How do they expect a man to live? What can I tell Mary? How will we ever get ahead, much less out of debt? Doctor bills, dentist bills, winter clothing for the children. Why did I join the force in the first place?'

"His thoughts are interrupted by a slight movement of shadow behind the trash cans a few feet ahead, imperceptible except to a man trained to walk alert with every sense keenly functioning. A quick move, and he grabs a man by the collar. The dim light inside the rear door of a store shows a broken window pane. Another breaking and entering record on the police blotter. Perpetrator

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This story, in greater or less degree, is enacted all over the country in too many towns and cities.

The simple truth is that in too many instances we are operating our police forces on horse-and-buggy principles. This is the day when truck drivers get a weekly salary of \$100 and more, plus bonuses, when factory workers make \$2 an hour and time-and-a-half for overtime, when carpenters take in \$25 a day, plumbers helpers \$16 a day, grocery clerks start off \$50 a week, and high school students working part time stick up their 16-year old noses at anything under a dollar an hour. This is also the day when policemen working for cities with a population from 10,000 to 25,000 receive a median yearly salary of \$3,212—\$61.77 a week. Or \$3,725 annually if their job is in cities over 50,000; a paycheck of \$71.63 weekly for risking life and limb on an average of 48 hours a week, no compensation for overtime. Policemen, you know, must be on call for duty 24 hours a day. They work in

blinding rain, sleet, snow; holidays means little to them and such a thing as a bonus is unheard of. Further, they frequently have tours of duty which make normal family life all but impossible. As one patrolman told me: "It's pretty rugged, leaving your wife and kids just as it's getting dark, and pounding a beat till almost daybreak."

Francis P. McGranaghan chief of the police force of Manchester, N.H., a city noted for its low crime rate and high police morale, puts the whole thing bluntly:

"In Manchester we have not been able to maintain our manpower for years," he says. "We do not have enough men to perform our duties and it is only thru the excellent cooperation of our police officers that we are doing as well as we are. The paramount problem with our department is simply more pay for our officers. From 1946 thru 1949 we had 18 officers resign to accept private employment. This was bad enough, but it is getting worse. From 1950 up to the present time, we have had 36 officers resign for the same reason. That is an overall total of 54 officers, which is quite a figure when you stop to think that we have less than 100 officers who actually perform patrol duties. We just cannot compete with private industry."

It seems that our police-

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IPSWICH DREDGING BILL
HEARING TOMORROW

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gentleman complained about the police quarters, and stated that thoughts were being entertained about having a special town meeting.

Mrs. Drew was the first to comment: "I agree—the place is perfectly atrocious."

Town Manager Courtney told the board that plans were being developed to enlarge the station, and that the plans were, at this time tentative. The Chief of Police had been consulted about the plans, he said, and he said further that he felt that the Finance Committee would not agree. Such action by the Finance Committee (not agreeing) would bar any action by the town. The time to take it up, Courtney said, was in the next Annual Town Meeting.

Nicholas DeFelice: "The least we can do is to go up and see the man, or have him come down and see us—I don't blame him for being hoththeaded!"

Charles Black: "That place just isn't adaptable for a police station—or for a fire station either."

The board agreed that they should visit the station.

Mrs. Drew: "But if we five all went up we wouldn't be able to get in."

DeFelice asked how much the proposed addition would cost, and the Town Manager hazarded a price of \$10,000.

DeFelice: "What does that bring our \$30,000 building to—\$30,000?"

Black: "It was nothing more than spite—the whole thing."

DeFelice: "It was yelled all over town that the thing wasn't right to begin with—now we are going to have to send new dollars after the old ones, to do something that should have been done in the first place!"

The board agreed to visit the police-fire station at 9 a.m. Saturday.

DeFelice: "Yes, and let's get the Fire Department to put a ladder up, so we can see that roof, while we are at it!"

Town Manager's Report
Dredging

In addition to reporting on the hearing on the Dredging Bill, Thursday, TM Courtney told the Board that the Town of North Reading had voted \$30,000 for dredging of Mar-

tin's brook, in North Reading, contingent upon Wilmington dredging the Wilmington portion. He remarked that the vote had been made as a result of the understanding of the North Reading Selectmen, in their conference with the Wilmington Selectmen, on dredging, and that his memory of the conference was such that all towns had agreed to do nothing about dredging until the Ipswich River Bill was through the legislature. Several of the Selectmen concurred with Courtney, as to the events of the conference.

Store

Courtney told the Selectmen that John Riley had purchased the "Economy" store, in Wilmington square, from the Gray Realty Company, and was in turn selling it to Anthony Zeoli, owner of the land on which the building stands.

Ernest Rice, Building Inspector, had told Riley and Zeoli that he had condemned the building, and that it would either have to be razed or else extensively repaired, a proposition to which they agreed, the Town Manager stated. He told the Selectmen that the store would be closed for a while and then would reopen, under the management of Riley.

Carter Lecture Fund

Courtney told the Selectmen that he had appointed Mrs. Gilbert Wozney of Suncrest Avenue to the Carter Lecture Fund. Mrs. Wozney, a native of Trinidad, Colorado, is a graduate of the University of Colorado, and has studied music extensively. She is an organist, who has played for several churches, and during the war she was secretary for the Commandant of a Prisoner of War camp, near Trinidad, Colorado.

Board of Appeals

Selectman Hayward Bliss moved that Roland Fuller be reappointed to the Board of Appeals. This brought on a general discussion about the membership of the board, which couldn't be settled at the moment, without references to the records, and it was voted to table the discussion of the Board of Appeals membership until next week. Selectman Black then pointed out, during the dis-

cussion, that James B. Moore, of North Wilmington is no longer a member, because he automatically "is out," as a result of being elected to the School Committee.

Parking

Selectman DeFelice then brought up the last subject to be discussed, in the meeting, parking in Wilmington square. Mr. DeFelice said that Wilmington residents cannot find a place to park, near the Postoffice, because the curbs are lined with out-of-town cars that park all day, while their owners are in Boston. He suggested that something be done, understanding that there was a state law which limits parking on state highways to 10 minutes.

Courtney told DeFelice that he was trying to get permission from the Department of Public Works (State) to install parking meters.

THE ROD AND GUN
CLUB NEWS
By Gene Courtemanche
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A dangerous situation was brought to the attention of the Rod and Gun Club last Thursday. It seems a group of boys in the vicinity of the Wildwood School acquired an unknown amount of 30/30 caliber hunting ammunition. The club conducted a minor investigation to locate the source of supply. The results, and a live sample round acquired from one of the boys were given to the Wilmington Police. The sample cartridge had been damaged, possibly in an endeavor to fire it. Should you locate any of the ammunition we suggest you contact the police department, and they will call for it.

At last Wednesday's special meeting the members tabled a motion pertaining to the accepting of women into the organization. They also authorized the children's contest, and appropriated the money for prizes. There are still a few details to be ironed out before it can become activated. Money was also appropriated for the purchase of shells and clay pigeons for the skeet meets.

The weekly Skeet Shoot was a success due to the efforts of a few who braved Saturday's poor weather to construct a trap firing pit, and layout the field for safety. The popularity of the meet is growing. Approximately 24 persons braved the cold windy weather to enjoy the sport. There will be another meet next Sunday. This will be a good opportunity to teach the wife or children the proper use of the shotgun. The top shooters were: Ingram with 18 out of 25; Dewhurst and Mullen with 17 out of 25; Peters with 16 out of 25; Marshall with 15 out of 25; Skeffington and Webster with 14 out of 25.

According to the Division of Fisheries and Game, Walden Pond in Concord, Mass. has been stocked with nine to fifteen inch trout, and salmon. We also understand that Lubbers Brook in No.

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THREE METHODIST
YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN
PEACE ORATORICAL
CONTEST

Three members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship participated in the sub-district peace oratorical contest on Sunday, March 27, in the Ballardvale Methodist Church. Those competing were, Miss Joanne Sanborn, Miss Beverly Cole, and Miss Florence Folloman. Miss Sanborn and Miss Cole spoke on the meaning of peace, and Miss Folloman on the United Nations.

The winner of the sub-district contest was Miss Joanne Sanborn, who will now compete at the Lynn District Rally where the winners of the other five sub-districts will appear on April 19. The winner of the District Contest will speak on the platform at the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Westfield, Mass. on May 28.

The whole program is being sponsored by the Conference Methodist Youth Council and the Commission on World Peace for the New England Conference of the Methodist Church, as a way of bringing the interest and concern of youth to focus on some of the vital issues of world peace, the United Na-

tions and Disarmament.

The local participants are to be given cash prizes to attend a session of the United Nations in the near future by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church.

WILMINGTON POLICE
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WRANGLERS

The Police Department

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THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH

By Hodgen



(News Item) The Town of Wilmington has finally signed contracts to get rid of the "lake" on Hopkins St.

"BEHIND THE SCENES IN AMERICAN BUSINESS"

by Reynolds Knight

New York—If Americans didn't cut such good figures in bathing suits perhaps the

figures in the Federal budget wouldn't be so far in the red. For example, 1954 consumption of wheat was a mere 195 pounds per person while in the five years from 1910 to 1914—before weight-consciousness was so popular—we

ate 322 pounds a year apiece. Butter use, too, has declined to 9.3 pounds per person from 17.1; and the rising use of margarine falls by two pounds to offset this decline. Both wheat and butter are among the foodstuffs on which huge sums are spent by government in price supports.

Further influence of the emphasis on staying slim is evident in the meat and egg figures. Meat has about stood still in per capita use since 1910, while eggs, also a favored source of protein, have risen from 305 per person per year to 399.

Citrus fruit, with the popularization of vitamins, has soared from fewer than 20 pounds per person in 1910 to more than 80 in 1954. Much of the rise has come post-war with more freezing of juice, but the original impulse was the national craze for fooling one's stomach into thinking it had eaten, when the pound-creating calories had not been ingested.

JET MAGIC—An almost unbelievable aircraft protective system that "beats a bullet to the punch" has been unveiled at Republic Aviation Corp. The system can see a bullet entering an airplane at 2000 miles an hour, and set off a fire extinguisher before the enemy missile has penetrated 11 inches!

The idea of the quick action—measured in millionths of a second—is to put out fires and explosions before they start. The device will

be built into the jet planes turned out by Republic, which builds fast fighter-bombers, capable of carrying an A-bomb, for the United States and its allies' air forces.

The mechanism comprises a tiny photo-conductive cell which sees the very beginning of an explosion; an electronic relay switches, and a plastic capsule containing extinguishing fluid and a small gunpowder charge, which is set off by the relay to blanket the danger area with a fine mist of the fluid.

Three years of research went into the device, engaging Republic, Electronic Corporation of America, Simmons Accessories, Inc., the Air Force Research and Development Command and the Army Proving Ground at Aberdeen, Md.

THINGS TO COME—A new word game, described as "being to Scrabble what Calypso is to gin," has been developed by a California toymaker. It's called "Qu Billa."

A rubber stamp that will make thousands of imprints without being touched to an ink pad come in standard or made-to-order lettering. . . . You can now get the Lone Ranger and his horse in 9-inch plastic shapes. . . . A new plastic paint for marking traffic lines on streets is claimed to wear five times as long as the ordinary kind. . . . A new portable plastic drawing board weighs only eight ounces, and is translucent, an aid in making

tracings.

ROSSING TROUBLES

For many years the motoring public of Hammond, Ind., an industrial suburb of Chicago, fretted over delays at railroad grade crossings. There are 160 on that city's streets. Congestion on through streets at rush hours was especially irritating.

Now it looks as if something would be done about it. The newly formed Calumet District Railroad Community Committee, an arm of the Eastern Railroad Presidents Conference, has pledged all-out cooperation in a campaign to avoid unnecessary switching of freight cars at main intersections during rush hours.

The Committee and city officials have called a public meeting to discuss the problem. Hammond citizens have been invited to attend and voice any complaint. Representatives of all railroads serving the city will appear. They have promised to do all they can to help speed street traffic.

NEW WISH-BOOK—In rural communities of the South and Southwest, the Sears and Montgomery Ward Catalog used to be known as the wish-book. Today the whole nation has an official wish-book: the Federal Reserve Board-University of Michigan annual survey of consumer buying intentions.

Just released by the FRB, this year's wishes center on houses and automobiles. Home-buying intentions were harbored by 9.6 per cent of those queried. A year ago it was 6.9 per cent, in 1953 8.8 per cent (although more homes were bought in 1954 than in 1953).

Automobile intentions stood about still, in numbers, but the average 1955 wisher was thinking of a \$2800 car. In 1954 the median was a \$2500 car.

Three of every five persons questioned thought 1955 would be a good year. This time last year only two in five were that optimistic.

BIT O' BUSINESS—Steel output in the first two months of 1955 was 2.3 million tons greater than in the like period of 1954. . . . Paper and paperboard production both moved up a notch in the week of March 5 from the week before, to 97.6 per cent of capacity for paper and 96 per cent for board. . . . An SEC survey found corporate income pure profit for 1954 was \$10 billion.

WHO'S A SUCKER?

Under the caustic title, "The Sucker in the Super Market," a farm publication says some unkind things about consumers and particularly "the gal who spends the family's food bucks. . . . Chances are, when the poor little sucker is pushing the rubber tired cart down the aisles of a self-service 'marketing center,' she's buying glitter and color instead of soup and soap."

The editorial concludes: "Someone ought to remind our little pet of the cracker barrel days when food was delivered to grandma's kitchen door in paper sacks. When the kids got a free sack of candy the first of

every month when ma sent them to the store with twenty bucks to pay the monthly grocery bill. Them were the days—the days when farmers got a lot more than 43 cents from the consumer's dollar."

They were also the days when "the little pets" spent all of their waking hours manufacturing soap and clothes, and preparing food to keep the family alive, just as the farmer worked from dawn to dark to eke an existence out of the soil. The farmer's percentage of the consumer dollar may have changed. So have the living standards of all the people, including farmers, a change that was brought about in part by millions of "little pets" wielding their might as consumers in a free market. Thanks to the "trivialities" of mass distribution, it takes the average worker much less time to earn enough money to buy almost anything sold at retail than it did 25 years ago. True, we spend a little more for our food now than we used to—25 per cent of our disposable family income went for food in 1954 as compared with 20 per cent in 1935-39, but we get more food and better food. Who wants to turn the family kitchen back into a sweat shop or turn the clock back on our farms to the good old days of man-killing manual labor?

Incidentally, it looks like some slicker sneaked up on our Minnesota friend with a new-fangled press. His paper is clean as a new dollar—no ink smudges like in the good old days.

MEAT FOR MORE PEOPLE

"Meat Marketing will soon show its biggest 1955 bulge over a year ago," said a news article in a recent issue of the Wall Street Journal.

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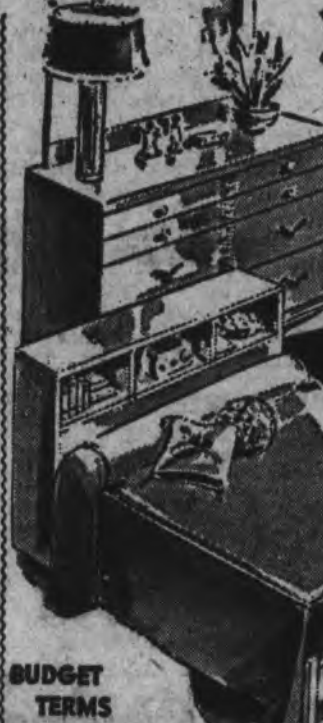
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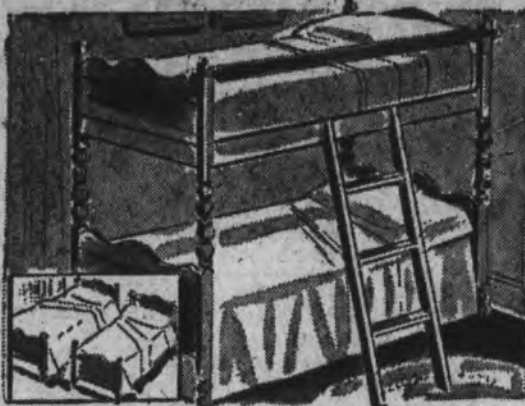
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BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health of the Town of Wilmington, acting under the authority of the General Laws and amendments and additions thereto, and by any other power thereto enabling, and acting thereunder and in accordance therewith, have in the interest of land for the preservation of the public health, duly made and adopted the following rules and regulations.

CHAPTER 3

"STABLE REGULATIONS"

Section 1. Licenses:

No person shall erect, occupy or use for a stable any building in the Town of Wilmington unless such use is licensed by the Board of Health, and in such case, only to the extent so licensed and in accordance with Chapter 111, Section 155 of the General Laws as amended.

Such a license may be revoked or temporarily suspended by the Board of Health upon the violation by the holder of any of the provisions of these regulations. The holder of any license thus revoked or suspended shall be notified of such action by registered mail. Any person so aggrieved by such an action may petition the Board of Health for a hearing within three (3) days from the receipt of such a notice.

The Board of Health, upon such a petition, may permit the stable to operate in lieu of correcting the violation, or order such a person to remove his animals and to put the stable and premises thereof in a cleanly condition. If no appeal is made by the holder within the three (3) days allowed, the license shall be revoked.

Section 2. Submission of plans for new and renovated stables:

Any person who proposes to remodel a building or portion thereof which is being used as a stable, or who proposes to renovate any existing stable, or proposes to construct a new building which is to be used in whole or in part as a stable shall, prior to such remodeling, renovating or construction, submit plans thereof in duplicate to the Board of Health for approval.

Section 3. All stables licensed by the Board of Health shall comply with the following items:

Item 1. Capacity
Each stable shall contain at least 160 square feet for the first animal thereof and at least 64 additional square feet for each additional animal.

Item 2. Cleanliness
Each stable and premises thereof shall be kept in a sanitary condition satisfactory to the Board of Health.

Item 3. Water Supply
Each stable shall be furnished with an adequate and safe supply of water for feeding and cleaning purposes. At least 15 gallons per day shall be provided for each

animal. Cisterns or stock-watering troughs or tanks may be substituted for water under pressure provided that sufficient water can be obtained for cleaning.

Item 4. Bedding

Bedding shall consist of straw, hay or like substance, but shall not contain in whole or in part of wool wastes.

Item 5. Manure Disposal

Manure shall be removed frequently from the stables and stored, piled or spread in such a manner so as not to cause a breeding place for flies or offensive odors.

In the fly breeding season, manure shall be

thoroughly treated with powdered borax at the rate of one pound per 16 cubic feet of manure and then wetted down. A similar chemical approved by the Department of Agriculture may be applied in place of borax.

Item 6. Dairy barn

No stable shall be maintained in that portion of a barn wherein milking cows are kept.

Section 4:

All stables hereafter erected in the Town of Wilmington, in addition to Section 3, Items 1-6 inclusive shall also comply with the following:

Item 1. Location

Each stable shall be located on land with good drainage ability and not subject to flooding. The stable shall be at least 50 feet from any swamp, stream or pond, and one hundred (100) feet from any public highway or occupied dwellings.

Item 2. Floors

Floors shall consist of smooth cement sloped to drain into catch basins. Each stall shall have a separate catch basin connected by tight fitting pipe to a main dry well. A portable movable wooden platform capable of supporting the weight of an animal shall be placed on the floor.

Item 3. Sewage Disposal

Urine and wash water shall be discharged only into dry wells. Such dry wells shall be located and constructed in a manner acceptable to the Board of Health.

Item 4. Ventilation

Each stable shall have a plate height of at least 10 feet and an effective window area of at least 10 per cent of the total floor area.

Section 5:

The Board of Health may vary the application of any provision of these regulations

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to any particular case when in its opinion the enforcement thereof would manifest an injustice, provided that the decision of the Board of Health shall not conflict with the spirit of these regulations.

Section 6:

The penalty for violation of any provision of these regulations shall be in accordance with Section 157, Chapter 111 of the General Laws as amended.

Section 7:

Should any section, item, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of these regulations be declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

Section 8:

These regulations shall be in full force and effect upon their approval by the Board of Health and publication on March 30, 1955.

Board of Health
Wilmington, Massachusetts
March 24, 1955

Voted unanimously to adopt the foregoing regulations and ordered the same published in the Wilmington

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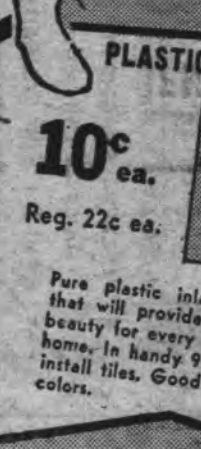
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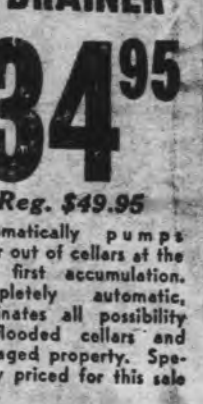
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A Day of Recollection for Junior and Senior CDA members at the church. It will open with a Mass at 8:30 a.m. There will be all day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Conferences will be at 11:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Women other than CDA members may attend the Day of Recollection exercises, especially High School girls.

Breakfast will be served after the 8:30 Mass in the Hall. The Novena of Fatima devotions will be at 7:45 p.m.
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The members of the Sodality and the CDA will receive communion in a body at 8:15 a.m.

**ROGER CARNES IN
KOREA**

Corporal Roger W. Carnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Carnes of 512 Woburn St. has arrived in Korea, where he is serving with Group 12, of the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

**TOM PILCHER
IN THE NAVY**

Thomas Cortier Pilcher, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Pilcher of 6 Carter Lane, Wilmington, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy and is presently undergoing Recruit Training at Bainbridge, Maryland, the Navy Recruiting Station announced.

Thomas graduated from Wilmington High School in 1953 and indicated he was interested in learning a trade while in the Navy.

Upon completion of nine weeks basic training, Thomas will receive fourteen days leave before reporting to his next duty station.

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At the next meeting of the Central School Mothers' Club to be held on Tuesday April 12, the Lowell Chapter of the America Red Cross, Wilmington Branch, will show pictures relating to the Red Cross.

It was also voted to hold an auction at this meeting. Each member will bring a gift costing 50 cents.

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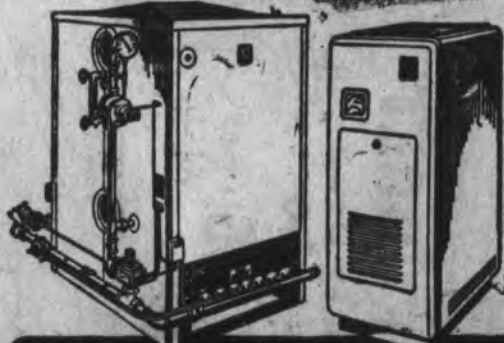
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The Fellowship Group of the South Tewksbury Methodist Church held their annual Banquet at the church, Saturday, March 26th. Sitting at the head table were Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Brabant, Mr. and Mrs. James Graham, Rev. and Mrs. Jack Tuell, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris, and Mrs. Elsie Howell. Mr. Graham and Mr. Morris are former Presidents of the group. Messages of greeting were read from former ministers of the church, Rev. Richard Thistle, and Rev. Earl Haywood. After a delicious turkey dinner, prepared by members of the group, and served by members of the Methodist

Youth Fellowship, words of appreciation were said, and the group joined in singing and games. The newly elected officers of the group are as follows: President, Edward L. Brabant; Vice-President, George O'Connell; Secretary, Marion Strong; and Treasurer, Walter Ackles.

Marilee Snook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Snook, of Oak St., recently celebrated her first birthday with a party. Enjoying the games and refreshments were June and Marion Richter; Isabella and Donnie Sutherland, "Butchie" Burgess, Janice and Frances McLean, and Jimmy Tuell, several mothers, and Marilee's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Merton Curtis, and daughter Sally, and her grandmother, Mrs. Alta Parker of Wakefield.

Mrs. Roland Crocker, a long time resident of South

Tewksbury, is now at the Middlesex Sanatorium, in Waltham.

The South Tewksbury Methodist Church held their annual Church Meeting, Monday, March 28th. At this time reports of the Officers of the church and various organizations were heard, and officers for the coming year were elected. Among those elected were the following: Charge Lay Leader, Mr. Walter R. Ackles; Associate Lay Leader, Mr. George O'Connell; Treasurer Current Expenses, Mrs. Emer Johnson; Treasurer Emeritus, Mrs. Benjamin Griffin; Treasurer of Benevolences, Mrs. Merton Curtis; Financial Secretary, Miss Ethel M. Phillips; Recording Steward, Mrs. Fulton M. Hunter; Communion Steward, Mrs. Herman Bischoff; Assistant Communion Steward, Mrs. Walter R. Ackles; Trustees for the class of 1958; Mr. Edward L. Brabant, Mr. Edgar Hinton, Sr., Mr. Roland Strong; Superintendent Youth Division Church School, Mrs. Edward L. Brabant; Superintendent Children's Division, Mrs. Albert Hart; Church Organist, Mrs. Warren Dewan, Assistant Organist, Miss Judy Palmer; Lay Member to the Annual Conference, Mr. Walter Ackles, Delegates to Lowell Council of churches, Mr. George O'Connell, Miss Ethel M. Phillips, Mrs. Edward L. Brabant, and Mrs. G. Merideth Palmer. The election of the Presidents of the Womens Society of Christian Service, Methodist Men's Club and the Methodist Youth Fellowship were confirmed; members were elected to the Pastoral Relations Committee; the Parsonage Committee; Building Committee, and Commissions on Membership & Evangelism; Education, Missions and Finance.

The Youth Church officers that were elected are as follows: Lay Member to the Annual Conference, Miss Judy Palmer; Alternate Lay Member, Miss Janet Peters; Charge Lay Leader, Mr. Robert Barlow; Church School Superintendent, Miss Frances Morris; President, WSCS, Miss Shirley O'Connell, Vice President, WSCS, Miss Cheryl Carpenter, President, Methodist Men, Richard Greeno; Financial Secretary, Miss Harriet Foreman; Treasurer, Mr. William Davis; Chairman Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Miss Sally Curtis; Chairman Commission on Missions, Miss Dolores Bell, Chairman commission on Finance, Miss Barbara O'Connell; Chairman commission on Education, Miss Brenda King.

Mr. Walter Ackles, Charge Lay Leader, expressed the appreciation of the congregation to Dr. Archiver Strait, District Superintendent, of Melrose, for the service and leadership he has given to our church and to the whole district during his six years as superintendent and wished him every good thing as he assumes the duties of pastor again.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Young people's Lenten services continue on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00.

The annual Spring Sale of the Center Branch and Center Associates will be held in the parish house on Friday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Cooked food and fancy articles will be on sale, and tea will be served by the Center Associates. Members will hold a short business meeting and are reminded to bring their Second Mile bags.

Please report all Reading List books to Mrs. Gaius Harmon by Thursday night.

Palm Sunday services will be held next Sunday. In the evening at 8:00 the Couples Club will hold its monthly meeting in the vestry, with the Methodist Young Adults as guests. The Rev. Almeda Vickery of Winchester First Church will be the speaker, and she will talk on crosses and similar religious symbols, a large number of which will be on display.

The annual Missionary Luncheon of the L.B.S. will be held on Wednesday, April 6th, with a dedication of the Second Mile gifts. The guest speaker will be Miss Corinne Nordquist of Johannesburg, South Africa.

The Holy Week program will include the following. An informal prayer service will be held on Wednesday, April 6th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Forest St. Congregational Church, under the auspices of the Wilmington Church Council.

Candidates for Church membership will meet the Church Committee in the parish house on Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and the Maundy Thursday Communion service will follow in the vestry at 8:00, with the usual candlelight setting.

A union Good Friday service will be held in the Methodist Church on Friday from 2 to 3 p.m., sponsored by the Church Council.

The Fireside Fellowship invites the parish to a sunrise Easter service in the Wild-

wood Cemetery at 6 a.m. and also to the Easter Breakfast which will be served in the vestry at 7 a.m. Tickets are 65 cents, and reservations may be made by calling Freda Shepherd (8-2931). There will be no Church School on Easter. Any desiring baptism for their children are asked to notify the minister in advance. There will be two church services in the morning, at 9:15 and 11:00, and the baptisms will take place at the first service and the reception of new members at the second. A union service will be held in the Congregational sanctuary in the evening at 7:00 at which time the speaker will be the Rev. Jack Tuell of the South Tewksbury Methodist Church, and there will be special Easter music by the combined choirs.

FARM MACHINERY IN EVOLUTION

Each year, at roughly the same time, all the makers of automobiles bring out new models. Minor and major changes alike are extensively advertised, in the hope that motorists will decide after one season that their cars are pretty well out of date and they'd better get aboard the band wagon. And millions of motorists do just that.

The situation is different in the case of tractors and other modern farm machinery. The farmer buys these tools on a basis of need and utility - not because of the attractions of chrome trim and sleek lines. but, like the automobile, farm equipment is also in a steady process of evolu-

tion and improvement. Thirty-odd years ago, for instance, about the sole mechanical power available to farmers were big, ungainly tractors, suitable only for field crop operations on the largest acreages. Now there is power equipment available for practically every agricultural job, including the most specialized. The improvements and the innovations are a testimonial to the vigor and progressive spirit of our competitive farm equipment industry. It is a common practice, incidentally, for the industry under practical farming to consult with farmers on conditions.

All this has a great bearing on the value the farmer gets from his machinery dollar. The cost of equipment has naturally risen as wages and taxes and prices in general have risen. But the machines do more work in less time and with less labor. They require less maintenance and upkeep, if properly cared for. They are safer to use. When everything is added up, the farmer receives more for his money than ever before.

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**SOCIALLY YOURS
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little girl will be named Susan Ruth. The baby's maternal grandmother is Mrs. Lillian Chapman, of Chapman's Store, of Aldrich Rd.

ANNOUNCE A GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, of 9 Verdun Road, wish to announce the arrival of a baby girl, at the Choate Memorial Hospital, in Woburn, on March 15. The Browns have two other children, Kenneth, and a daughter, Donna. The new addition will be called Patricia Ann.

A BABY GIRL

To, Mr. and Mrs. William Widger, of 1 Fairview Ave., born at Winchester Hospital, on March 18. Mrs. Widger, (Connie), has been active in Girl Scout, and Brownie movement in the town, and played an important part in this field, on the Parade Committee, last May.

HARVEY BABY

Beverly and John Harvey, of 199 Wildwood Street, are

happy to announce the birth of a baby girl, at Winchester Hospital, on March 27th. No name has been decided on at this writing.

IT'S A GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Wendell, of Grove Ave., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, on Monday, the 21 of March. She weighed 7½ lbs. at birth, and is gaining her ounce-a-day, as is proper. She will be named Diane Claire, Mrs. Wendell is the former Betty Allen.

**OFFICER FULLER
RETURNS**

Officer George Fuller is looking fit as a fiddle, after spending a vacation, basking on the Florida beaches. He returned on Sunday, and has resumed his duties with the Police Department of Wilmington.

ROBERT REID HOME

Robert Reid, Jr. a United States Navy man, is spending a short leave, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid, of 40

Swain Road. His eight day stay is spent in renewing old acquaintances, of which he has many in Wilmington. He will leave shortly, for Quonsett Point, Rhode Island, where he is presently stationed.

**MR. AND MRS. SURRETTE
BACK HOME**

The town is glad to welcome back, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Surrette, who have been spending an extended vacation in Florida. Their stay was of a four month's duration, during which time their many friends have missed them. They, no doubt, have picked up many pleasant memories, and made new friends during their long visit. And we hope that they don't find the weather here in New England too hard to take. Mr. Surrette has been well known for the past few years, as our Rural Mail Carrier.

ON LITTLE LEAGUE

As we see the trucks winding their way, back and forth, with fill for the Middlesex Ave. spot, that is to be a playground, we can't help hoping that it will all be finished in time for our kids to play ball this summer. We wonder what started the fire under the Town Management. And, by no means least, we wonder if the interest in our little boys will grow, with their new ball park, as it should.

We do very well, here in Wilmington, to keep the lid on Juvenile Delinquency, as we do. We don't have much to work with, and we have so many children. Little League, for instance, is not merely a matter of little fel-

lows organizing themselves. It is a large-scale project, in which fathers, mothers and older members of families get together, and map out a satisfactory procedure, understandable enough for boys to follow, and still, with enough backbone, to let them know that older people are interested in them. Men will be needed, to supervise these ball-games, and women will be asked to lend their moral support, and keep order on refreshments, etc., during the short season that the boys play ball. We can't leave this job to the guy next door, or down the street, not where our own boy is involved. You are all invited to get out to these games, and to the men's meetings that follow. You get back from a boy what you put into him. And when the scales are balanced, in your boy's lives, and your own, you may remember that you have done this little service for a kid when it counted most.

Thanking you for the use of the hall, I remain, I hope,
Beatrice McCormack
President
Little League Auxiliary
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**HOLY WEEK SERVICES
ANNOUNCED AT
METHODIST CHURCH**

Plans have been completed for Holy Week Services at the Wilmington Methodist Church. On Palm Sunday, April 3, the sacrament of infant baptism will be observed at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. worship services. Miss Yolanda Moe will sing "The Palms" by Faure at the 9:15 worship service, and the senior choir will sing "The Palms" at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Mrs. W. T. Stavelly, or-

ganist and choir director has selected "Christus Der Uns Selig Macht" by Bach, for the prelude; "Processional to Calvary" from the Crucifixion, by Stainer for the offertory; and "Hosanna" by Wachs for the organ postlude.

The Rev. Richard E. Harding will preach at both services on the theme: "Thy Will Be Done."

The Wilmington Area Council of Churches will sponsor a Holy Week prayer service at the Forest Street Congregational Church on Wednesday evening, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday will bring the members and friends of the church together for the annual Maundy Thursday Communion service. The service will be held in the church beginning at 8 p.m. During the worship service the members of the pastor's membership training class will be received into the fellowship of the church with a group of adults who will also be entering the church at the same time.

Attention has been called to the Good Friday Service to be held in the Methodist Church from 2 to 3 p.m. This will be a one hour service at which the Rev. Stanley Cummings will bring the inspirational message, and a combined youth choir under the direction of Rev. Jack Tuell will bring the special music.

**METHODIST YOUTH
FELLOWSHIP TO BE
HOSTS TO WINCHESTER
M. Y. F.**

The members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will be hosts to the youth of the Crawford Memorial Methodist Church of Winchester. The program will begin promptly at 7 p.m. in the church vestry. William Russell, church school superintendent, will speak to the young people on "Jesus and Holy Week." A period of Fellowship and refreshments will follow the meeting.

On Sunday evening, April 17, the Winchester group will be hosts to the Wilmington M.Y.F. The Rev. Richard E. Harding will be the guest speaker on the topic "What Happen When Youth Do Wrong?" Mr. Harding will speak about what happens to a young person when he gets into trouble in relation to the local police, the court, the Youth Service Board, and then more specifically when he gets to the Lyman School for Boys where Mr. Harding as Chaplain and a cottage Master a few years ago.

**SPRING BASEBALL
TRAINING HAS STARTED**

Wilmington High School has started its spring schedule, of training for the baseball nine. Coach Connie O'Doherty has a total of about 36 hopeful players, with the heavy emphasis being Sophomores and Juniors. Only six Seniors are out for the team this year, as of this writing. 12 of the players are aspiring pitchers, with three of them having had previous experience on the mound, for the Wilmington High School team. Co-Captains, this year are Nick Moore and Bob Branscombe, both Juniors. The experienced pitchers are all Juniors, too, Branscombe, Robert Swanson, and Dick Ethier. Other aspiring for the pitcher's mound are — Ed Crowell, Frank Di Piano, James Gass, Felix Fortunate, Gerald Malone, Robert Bouse-

field, Richard Busbois, Clifford Knight and Don Burbine.

Freshmen, trying for the team are Dick Stone, Dick Froton, Don Burbine, John Amare, Paul Butt, William Fay, Charles Cushing, Clifford Knight, Billy Newhouse, and Tom Cotter. Sophomores are R. Burbois, Robert Ghaham, Robert Bousfield, Don Sharp, Sam Cavallaro, James Reid, Richard Hoban, Doug Anderson, Ross Combs, Gerald Malone, and Felix Fortupata. Juniors are Robert Branscombe, Robert Swanson, Fred Robbins, Mickey Rooney, Bernie Nally, James Marsi, Dick Ethier, Nick Moore, Frank DiPiano, James Gass, and Frank Stone. Seniors are Richard Leavitt, Bob Burns, Ed Crowley and Roy Sarica.

**LINDA REID
GRADUATE FLORAL
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Miss Linda Reid, of Lowell street, a graduate of the class of 1954 from Wilmington High School, graduated from the Rittner's School of Floral Design, on March 23rd.

Friends and relatives joined members of the graduating class at a dinner-dance in the Hotel Bradford, where a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Miss Reid's friends are wishing her every success, in her new position as floral designer for Andre's Flower Shop in Quincy.

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SHALL WE PAY OUR
COPS OR ROBBERS?

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men, first to be called in times of emergency, and danger, are the last to be considered in the social scale of things. Although the cost of living has risen 27.7 percent since 1939, the average patrolman's salary has fallen behind, in comparison, 28.4 percent, more than one-fourth of his living cost, whereas the utility employee (milkman, sanitation worker, bus and truck driver, trainman, etc.), is not only keeping abreast of the pace, but has jumped far ahead in all classifications.

From their slim salaries the police in many cases must also pay for their own uniforms, which sometimes run as high as \$450 the first year, then about \$100 a year thereafter. They have association dues of \$10 to \$24 per year; some of them are expected to join the various civic

and service clubs. Some plain-clothesmen pay for the gasoline and upkeep of the cars they drive while on duty.

Such small financial allotments are made for the purchase of ammunition for pistol and rifle practice, a necessary procedure for police proficiency, that many of our police find it necessary to handload old shells so they can afford to spend the required number of hours on the firing ranges.

John Gleason, Administrator of the Town of Greenwich, Connecticut, who has somehow managed to see to it that his force is better paid than the average, feels that the problem of police shortage and underpayment is a case of sheer neglect and misunderstanding on the part of the public. Says Gleason: "Our clergy and teachers have strong vocal defenders, but too often the police, instead of having a group speak up for them, have nothing but derogatory

Formerly Chief of Police of Greenwich and one time President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Gleason is a medium-sized man with graying hair, alert eyes, a man who chooses his words slowly and uses them with conviction. He feels that highly publicized pressure groups out to get every last dollar for municipal services have pushed the police down to the bottom of the scale.

"Another thing—the very nature of police work makes it grist for newspaper, TV and Hollywood mills," he adds. "One crooked cop receives more attention than ten police heroes."

"Most Americans don't realize that the policeman is really a true servant of the people. He loses his identity, must live by a precise book of rules. And he is expected to be a policeman 24 hours a day. Just because he takes off his uniform doesn't mean that he is also shedding his responsibility as an officer of the law. His neighbors know he is a policeman—any breaking of a social rule, no matter how slight, and he gets slapped down. And too often are police used as a vehicle by politicians."

Gleason believes that at least part of the answer to the police problem today might be found if policemen had some sort of organization such as the PTA (Parent-Teachers Association) to champion their cause.

He also feels that the public has been led around by the nose long enough. Hollywood grinds out many "hate the

cop" B-grade movies. Television also gangs up on the police with many cheap thrill programs and the public, instead of being told to trust and believe in the policeman, the peacetime warrior who is constantly fighting to protect the American citizen, has had the belief instilled that the cop is always on the prowl to "make trouble for innocent people while the bad men get off scot-free." For too many years the private eye has had credit for the work of the police—in magazine and book fiction, in movies and TV. The truth is, of course, that nearly all so-called private eyes are inept men who scrounge a meager living spying on disgruntled mates for divorce evidence.

The policeman is a highly trained individual whose sole purpose in life is to protect you. From a selfish viewpoint, a police department is the best single investment any city can have. It is more fundamental than any other commodity purchased with your tax dollar. Without law enforcement, your home, your children, your automobile, your personal possessions, down to the watch strapped to your wrist, are not secure. Those green city parks, paved streets, soundproof auditoriums, and scenic drives are not yours to enjoy if it is unsafe and even a threat to your life and property to use them.

Francis W. H. Adams, Police Commissioner of New York City, has demonstrated that he knows how to handle the crime situation in his city with an experiment he recently launched. He feels that he is pointing up the nation's problem with its inception.

Called Operation 25, the Adams brainchild consisted of placing the entire graduating class of 250 rookie policemen in East Harlem, easily the toughest, most crime-ridden area, block for block, in the United States. His theory is that his city, like most of the country, is under-policed, and that by tripling the police in one sector he could substantially reduce crime. It worked. There was a 50 percent reduction in crime of all kinds; burglaries dropped from 16 a week in one section to 3.

Commissioner Adams proved his point. But he has yet to get the necessary civic support to hire the 7,000 extra policemen he needs.

The worst aspect of all in the police problem seems to be that the youth of the nation is taking to heart that old song from a Gilbert and Sullivan opera. A Policeman's Lot Is Not a Happy

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In addition, it is no hands-down snap to get into our police departments. Nearly all the forces have IQ tests, a stiff physical examination, a severe character and psychiatric check, with a probationary period of from six months to two years before appointment is final. Police do not carry a union card and there is no guarantee of a 40-hour week or time-and-a-half for overtime. All of this has led many young men into other fields.

Is there a solution to our perplexing police problem? In order to attract qualified personnel, some police departments are turning to the use of the apprentice, or cadet system of securing police recruits. The

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This plan seems to provide for the necessary continuing interest and gives an excellent opportunity for observation of general fitness for the police service and the elimination of those who do not measure up. It also does away with the difficulty of trying to attract the older age groups after their employment in other occupations. The cadet system hasn't been in operation long enough to test its ultimate value, but it seems to be working out well.

A voice coming from one of the large cities of the South may have a partial solution to the problem of underpaying our police. A police chief down there recently suggested that the police of the country get together and emulate what New York State is suggesting for its teachers.

"Realistic salaries for our police," he said, "with a minimum ranging from \$4,000 a year for recruits to \$9,000 for those with at least ten years of service, could be the answer. Recently the house of delegates of the New York State Teachers' Association, representing 66,000 teachers, asked for this and also called for Federal legislation to provide \$250,000,000 in emergency aid to States for public school con-

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At recent Labor Department hearings, John L. Lewis charged that TVA is paying "intolerable and unjustified prices" for coal. He added that it has used its powerful influence to force wages in non-union mines down to extremely low levels. Mr. Lewis, along with representatives of the union mines, which account for most of our soft coal producing capacity, also contended that for the government to purchase coal purely on the basis of the lowest price offered is unfair to union miners as well as to the industry.

There can be differences of opinion as to how this situation should be remedied. But certainly it is unwise and destructive for government or any other purchaser to buy commodities at prices which undermine the seller's economic structure, and which force him to pay wages below the generally accepted figure. And when the seller in question is so basic and vital an industry as coal, the problem becomes grave and far-reaching indeed. A government agency has

a duty to the taxpayers to buy what it needs at fair and reasonable prices... just as an industry owes that same responsibility to its stockholders. Every safeguard should be established to see that government does not pay excessive prices. But price can never be the sole arbiter of the wisdom of a purchase. Unless that price is sufficient to meet the going wage standards, and to return the seller at least a little profit, it is unsound. The future welfare of the country is indefinitely more "bargain" obtained today.

NORTH READING DRIVE-IN RE-OPENED

During the past week the North Reading Drive-In Theatre opened for another season. The play ground is once again open for the children and there is always plenty to eat at the Snack Bar. Of course, the main thing at the North Reading Drive-In Theatre is the movies which are always the latest that can be obtained. It's always an

extra special night when it's spent at the North Reading Drive-In.

St. John, Kan., News: "Time was, not so long ago, when the storekeeper braced himself for Saturday, knowing that he would make his weekly monetary kill that day... Saturday was the big buying day. Barbers scraped and clipped early and late, movies were jammed, cars were stacked all over the place. Trading habits have changed with home freezers, and automobiles for every day shopping..."

The American Cancer Society points out that the only approved means of curing cancer today are surgery and radiation by x-ray or radium.

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On Wednesday, the 16th, the Walker School Mother's Club held their March Meeting, after which, a fashion show was enjoyed by all. The Commentator of the fashion show was Mrs. Baker, with piano music furnished by Mrs. Sullivan. Fashion models were: Judy Richardson, Betty Jean Smith, Marion Sullivan, Thomas Keough, Maxine Munniff, Jackie O'Connell, Robert Smith, Connie Baker, M. Taylor, Paul Hagman, Steven Thibideau, Roberta Ann McLaughlin, Betty Blometh and Connie Blometh.

Clothes were from Weinberg's Department Store in Wilmington.

GOOD WHIST AT BETTERMENT OF SILVER LAKE

A very successful Whist Party, for the Benefit of St. Dorothy's Parish was held, March 16, at the Silver Lake Betterment Hall. Mrs. John McAndrew, chairman, was assisted by a large committee of parishioners. The special prize, a 12 pound ham went to Mr. David Crispo. Other prizes went to: Anne Coviello, Betty Krasinski, Mary Tedder, P. Kobylis, Helen Johnson, Ginger Silva, Josephine Fiola, Mary Fuller, Adeline Riley, James Rothwell, E. M. Sullivan, A. Connors, Marie Baldwin, Agnes Romano, Gladys Peterson, E. B. Gillespie, W. Doherty, Bertha Allen, M. Bowen, Mary Murphy, Marie O'Connell, Robert Johnson, J. Lawson, Mary Sotile, J. Quinn, Florence Donohue, F. Wilkinson, Doris Dame, Ann MacDonald, Cynthia Carroll, Esther Stevenson, Sara Massa, Sadie Mullen, Emilio Gazzola, Anthony Coviello, Allen Oickle, Carole Fuller, Lillian Chapman, Isabelle Pellerin, B. McCormack, Janet Charnock, Dolly O'Connell, Mary Delaney, Mrs. Wm. O'Leary, E. Lucuzzi, Rose Brogna, F. Richards, B. Sampson, Teresa Foss, Al Manson, S. Fleming, Clara Englert, Grace Olson, Enes Gozzola and Pauline Mariello. The Committee extends sincere

thanks to all who donated prizes, and helped in any way.

CUB SCOUT PACK 53 ACTIVITIES

The Cub Scouts of Pack 53, Wilmington, had another of their scheduled monthly tours, on Sunday, March 27. This tour covered the H. P. Hood Bottling Plant in Charlestown. The boys met at the Silver Lake Betterment Hall, and were transported in the cars of the Scout Masters. At the plant, the boys were taken into the conference room, and showed the route of the milk, from the time it arrives at the processing room, to the time it is bottled, and shipped away on trucks. The boys then had questions, which were answered, by conference men, and they all received chocolate milk, and ice cream.

On the return trip, the boys got a glimpse of the Ford Plant, and stopped for a brief time to see, a little closer up, just how an automobile is assembled. Most of them had never seen an assembly plant before.

This trip was attended by the following thirty-two Cub Scouts, and eight men: Den 1, John Boeri, Bruce Mutchler, Richard Hamilton, James Szadis, Michael Kaszowski; Den 2, John Bowen, Richard Page, Roger Creamer, Richard Sawyer, Robert Carney, David Jaynes, Donald Luke; Den 3, Stephen Meads, Paul Cassidy, David McCue, Anthony Toti, Ronald Whybert, Peter Cormier, John O'Hara, James O'Hara; Den 4, Alfred Fairbrother, Vincent Marchant, Daniel Rheame, William Silva; Den 5, Paul O'Leary, Dennis Licari, Carl Maricotti, Irving Morrow, John Hersom, Paul Appleget, William Roberts, Michael Gattone, and John Meads, Den Chief, Cub Master, and Committeemen were Anthony Meads, Ted Chiricos, Cubmasters, John Boeri, James McCue, Tom Hamilton, Mel Cassidy, Leo Cormier, and Bill O'Leary.

BOYS WENT TO ART MUSEUM

The Cub Scout Pack 53 took a trip to the Art Museum on the Arborway on Saturday, last, with their Masters and Committeemen.

They were greatly interested in the Theme, "Knights of Old" which was being stressed this last week at the Museum. They were properly impressed by the lecturers, who went along with their interests in Medieval Castles, Armor, etc. The Cubs left the Silver Lake Betterment Hall at eight in the morning and returned at

about 12 noon. Both men and boys had a very educational and entertaining morning.

BOY SCOUT PAPER DRIVE

The Comanche Patrol, Boy Scouts of America, is going to conduct a Paper Drive on Saturday, April 2nd. This Drive will start about 9 a.m. The route to be covered will be from 500 to 845 Woburn St.; Lowell St., from Ella's Store, to Sunnyhurst, and West St., at Ella's to Woburn St., including all the side streets. Contributions of papers, and magazines will be picked up from the side of these streets.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

An excellent Roast Beef Dinner was served the members and their families, at the VFW Hall, on Main St., last Sunday. The men labored over the hot stoves, to bring the dinner about, while every woman member brought an apple pie. It was a very satisfactory arrangement, all around, and the kiddies enjoyed movies of Abbott and Costello comics; and endless cartoons. There was also a colored movie of the Grand March, at the Military Ball, which was held on Feb. 21st.

Mr. Henry Fillipone, Sr., headed the cooking choremen, and was ably assisted by John Vedaikos, Al Oulette, Fred Kleynan, Bob Cain, and, forgive us boys, if we have forgotten whom else. (BURP!)

MARILYN LYNCH TENDERED SHOWER

On Friday evening, the 18 Miss Marilyn Lynch was the delighted "Victim" of a bridal shower, tendered to her by her many friends and neighbors. The shower was held at the DAV Hall on Grove Ave., which was becomingly decorated in blue, pink and white streamers. Her many co-workers, at Greens Plant attended, as well as members of her extensive family. The young lady is the daughter of School Committeeman Arthur Lynch, and the niece of Chief of Police, Paul Lynch. Her gifts were many, and varied, and refreshments were served during the evening. Miss Lynch will be married to Mr. Richard Filcher on Saturday, April 23rd.

IT COULD HAPPEN ONLY TO HIM!

That was quite a stroke of luck that be-fell the Rev. Fr. Leahy, in the way of a kitchen set, from Gilchrist's, was unaccountably delayed for two weeks. Meanwhile, Tunney's Warehouse Furniture Store made the Reverend gentleman a gift of a fine set of kitchen furniture. Now he won't need to wait any longer for his delivery from Boston. He gathers, he says, from this turn of events, that we are waiting needlessly, sometimes for things so far out of our reach, when they are right here, and better.

HOME AGAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams have recently returned from a pleasant visit to Florida. Their stay was largely in, and about St. Petersburg. They are at home on Andover street.

BABY BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parent, of St. Paul Street, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, at the Synmes-Arlington Hospital, on March 13. The boy will be named Richard Frederick, Jr. Mrs. Parent is the former Jean O'Brien.

IT'S A GIRL

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